

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An ID assigning method, comprising:

recording, in ~~an-a navigation apparatus, content-updated map data or a program which that is only made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus from an information center, the navigation apparatus capable of performing route guidance based on recorded map data;~~

recording, in the navigation apparatus, ID setting instructions;
executing the ID setting instructions ~~after the updated map data or program is recorded;~~

~~thereby assigning an-a unique ID to the navigation apparatus, the unique ID necessary to obtain update map data or a program in a navigation apparatus that performs route guidance based on recorded map data; and~~

~~creating the ID unique to each apparatus based on present navigation apparatus information, the ID usable to acquire the release key from the information center; and sending the unique ID to the information center; and receiving the release key from the communication center.~~

2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on a randomly acquired numeric value.

3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on data representing a date and time.

4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on data representing a present position.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on a parameter related to the apparatus.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a registered home location of the apparatus.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a number of registered locations stored in the apparatus.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a distance coefficient.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a travel distance of a vehicle related to the apparatus.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a travel time of a vehicle related to the apparatus.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a location of a found facility.

12. (Currently Amended) An ID assigning method, comprising:

recording, in an-a navigation apparatus, updated map data or a program that is only made usable by a release key from an information center. the navigation apparatus capable of performing route guidance based on recorded map data;

recording ID setting instructions for creating an ID unique to each-the navigation apparatus based on present navigation apparatus information, the unique ID usable to acquire the release key from the information center.;

determining a date and time;

determining a present position;

executing the ID setting instructions after the updated map data or program is recorded;

, thereby assigning the unique ID to the navigation apparatus, the unique ID necessary to obtain a release key necessary to update map data or a program in a navigation apparatus that performs route guidance based on recorded map data, the unique ID created; and

creating the ID based on data representing the date and time, and data representing the present position of the navigation apparatus;

sending the unique ID to the information center; and

receiving the release key from the communication center.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a set of program instructions executable on a data processing device and usable for assigning an ID to an a navigation apparatus, the set of program instructions comprising:

instructions for recording, in an a navigation apparatus, content updated map data or a program which that is only made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus from an information center, the navigation apparatus capable of performing route guidance based on recorded map data;

instructions for recording, in the navigation apparatus, ID setting instructions; instructions for executing the ID setting instructions; after the updated map data or program is recorded, the ID setting instructions

instructions for assigning an a unique ID to the navigation apparatus, the unique ID necessary to obtain update map data or a program in a navigation apparatus that performs route guidance based on recorded map data; and

instructions for creating the ID unique to each apparatus based on present navigation apparatus information, the ID usable to acquire the release key from the information center; and

instructions for sending the unique ID to the information center; and
instructions for receiving the release key from the communication center.

16. (Currently Amended) An ID assigning apparatus, comprising
means for recording, in ~~an-a navigation apparatus, content-updated map data or~~
~~a program which that is only made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus from an~~
~~information center, the navigation apparatus capable of performing route guidance based on~~
~~recorded map data;~~
means for recording, in the navigation apparatus, ID setting instructions;
means for executing the ID setting instructions; ~~after the updated map data or~~
~~program is recorded, thereby~~
~~means for assigning an-a unique ID to the navigation apparatus, the unique ID~~
~~necessary to obtain update map data or a program in a navigation apparatus that performs~~
~~route guidance based on recorded map data; and~~
~~means for creating the ID unique to each apparatus based on present~~
~~navigation apparatus information, the ID usable to acquire the release key from the~~
~~information center; and~~
~~means for sending the unique ID to the information center; and~~
~~means for receiving the release key from the communication center.~~